

Report of the Bylaws Committee

to the Northeast Cooperative Soil Survey Conference

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Charges

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Recommendation

- National Leader for Investigations serves as an advisor to the committee.
- 2.1 Chair
- 2.2 Chair-Elect
- Section 3.0 The Committee Chair is nominated to the Steering Committee by the Research Needs Committee as in Section 4.0. Term of responsibility starts at the end of one conference and finishes with end of next.
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■ Discussion

Charge 2

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- Article 4 - Organization & Management, Section 1.3.2 Conference Committees and Committee Chair
 - The Steering Committee formulates the conference committee membership and selects the committee chair and vice-chair.
- Responsibilities of the Steering Committee Chair
 - Article 4 - Section 1.4.2
 - Develop with the Steering Committee the first and final drafts of the conference's committees and their charges.
 - Section 1.4.3
 - Send committee assignments to committee members. The committee assignments will be determined by the Steering Committee at the planning meeting. The proposed chair and vice-chair of each committee will be contacted personally by the conference chair or vice-chair and asked if they will serve prior to final assignments. NRCS people will be contacted by an NRCS person and experiment station people will be contacted by an experiment station person.



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Other items for consideration

■ Permanent and/or Research Needs Committee Membership

- Other (private consultants, other academic institutions)

■ General Revisions

- Article 3 - Participants, Section 2.0 : On the recommendation of the Steering Committee, the Chair of the Conference may extend invitations to a number of other individuals to a number of other individuals to participate in committee work and in the conference. Any soil scientist or other technical specialists whose participation is helpful for particular objectives or projects of the conference may be invited to attend.
- Article 9, Section 3 (proposed as 5): The state soil scientist and field soil scientist will be selected from a different state every two years alternating between each MO. The state soil scientist and field soil scientist will be from different states and different MOs.